



## Huntington Beach Safe and Sane Fireworks 2015 Information

Get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July! It is now legal to use Safe and Sane fireworks in the City of Huntington Beach on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from noon to 10 p.m. (see ordinance for requirements on places of discharge). With the passage of Measure T, the City Council wrote new regulations to help non-profit organizations raise money and for all residents to have a safe Fourth of July. Non-profit organizations may apply for the opportunity to operate one of 15 allowed fireworks stands to raise funds for their charitable cause.

### Application Process

- A maximum of 15 permits allowing the sale of safe and sane fireworks within the City will be issued each year to non-profit organizations using a lottery system within the following categories:
  - Youth Sports
  - High School
  - Civic Organizations
- To participate, non-profit groups must complete an application and be deemed qualified
- Completed original applications must be returned to the City Clerk's office between March 2 and the last business day in March – the 31<sup>st</sup> by 5 p.m.
- No e-mailed or faxed applications will be accepted
- Applications are **not** given priority based on date of submittal
- The City Clerk shall conduct a lottery during a City Council Meeting
- Applicants must (in addition to other requirements on the application):
  - Be a registered non-profit organization (Tax ID Number)
  - Have a principal and permanent meeting place within the City
  - Provide direct and regular community services and benefits to residents of the City
  - Have a membership of at least 20 members who reside, are employed, or are owner or operators of a business or other establishment located in City
- One application per organization

Applications for qualified organizations will be available in the City Clerk's Office on Monday, March 2 and on the City's Website at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/fireworks/>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 714 536-5227. Applications are due to the City Clerk's office by Tuesday, March 31 at 5 p.m.

### Regulations

Key elements of the new regulations include:

- Safe and Sane Firework sales allowed on July 1, 2, and 3 from Noon – 10 p.m. and on July 4 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Discharge of Safe and Sane Fireworks is only allowed on July 4 from Noon – 10 p.m.
- Fireworks **MAY NOT** be discharged:
  - On any beach, wetlands, or public parks
  - All areas on the ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway (e.g. Sunset Beach)
  - Within 10 ft of any residence, dwelling or other structure or oil wells
  - Public Property, including public streets, highways and other publicly owned property, buildings or facilities (except residential sidewalks, alleys, and streets)
  - Properties located in commercial and industrial/manufacturing districts
  - Within 300 ft of a fireworks stand or within 100 ft of a gas station/flammable liquids
  - See ordinance and resolution for additional regulations
- Improper discharge of Safe and Sane fireworks or discharge of illegal fireworks is subject to a \$500 citation
- Residents may discharge fireworks on their residential street, however, to help keep Huntington Beach clean, please properly dispose of spent fireworks properly! Do not leave them in the streets.

**Have a Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**